

PRESS ADVISORY

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On May 11, 1994, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry will welcome Minister of Foreign Affairs Alain Juppe of France to the Pentagon with an Armed Forces Honor Cordon. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. (EDT), at the Pentagon River Entrance. A photo opportunity in the office of the Secretary of Defense will immediately follow the arrival.

Media interested in audiovisual coverage of this event may contact Jim Kout or Bob Ward at (703) 695-0168.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM J. PERRY
REMARKS, WITH FRENCH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALAIN JUPPE, FOLLOWING
ARMED FORCES HONOR CORDON, AT PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
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Q: Minister Juppe, you made it clear in an interview with the Washington Post that France is preparing to withdraw its troops from Bosnia unless some kind of settlement is imposed by the United States, Russia and other countries, even at the possible loss of former Muslim land. Would you comment on that?

Minister Juppe: I've not said that France is preparing the withdrawal of its troops from Bosnia. I said that if there is no political settlement to the Bosnian crisis within the next weeks, maybe the withdrawal of UNPROFOR will be inevitable. We want to avoid that because we think that it would be kind of a despair solution. We prefer, of course, to reach global and political settlement and we hope our meeting in Geneva on next Friday will provide the opportunity of finding such a solution.

Q: Secretary Perry, could you comment on the report that the United States is planning to send 600 fully-armed troops to Haiti?

Secretary Perry: I read that report. I don't recognize that as any plan that we're working on.

Q: Do you think more troops will be required if you feel the need to in fact throw the junta out? Do you think that more troops will be required or are you saying that the United States would not do this unilaterally?

A: I don't want to discuss any of our contingency plans. Thank you all.

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